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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, TW
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

REF: A. TAIPEI 5104, B. TAIPEI 5101

1. WE HAVE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING PRESS SCENARIO WHICH I SUBMIT FOR YOUR APPROVAL AS MEANS OF REMOVING DANGER OF REPETITION YOUR LAST EXPERIENCE TAIPEI BUT AT SAME TIME GIVING PRESS MINIMUM SATISFACTION AND AVOIDING UNNECESSARY ABRASION.

2. SCENARIO AS FOLLOWS:

A. WE WOULD PROVIDE PRESS WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR VISIT TO COINCIDE APPROXIMATELY WITH YOUR ARRIVAL TIME. ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD SAY YOUR VISIT NECESSARILY SO SHORT SINCE YOU ARE OBLIGED TO REJOIN SECRETARY IN TOKYO FOR RETURN TO US, THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SEE ANYONE EXCEPT TOP GOVERNMENT LEADERS. WOULD HOWEVER GO ON TO SAY THAT NEXT MORNING YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT FOR PHOTOS AT WHICH TIME YOU WILL READ A STATEMENT WHICH WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO REPORTERS BUT THERE WILL NOT BE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION.

B. UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS, WE WOULD ENVISAGE NO
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REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT WHEN YOU ARRIVE BUT IN ANY EVENT I WOULD EXPECT TO PICK YOU UP ON TARMAC AT PLANESIDE AND DRIVE OFF DIRECTLY.

C. DURING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER, WE WOULD HAVE WHATEVER DISCUSSION REQUIRED ABOUT GENERAL TENOR OF WHAT YOU WOULD BE SAYING IN YOUR DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND WHAT GROUPE WILL BE PUTTING OUT.

D. WE WOULD WORK OUT FINAL TEXT OF YOUR DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PREMIER, HAVE ON HAND NECESSARY PERSONNEL FOR TRANSLATING INTO CHINESE, COPYING ETC. SO THAT TEXT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN MULTIPLE COPIES AT AIRPORT SATURDAY MORNING.

E. OVERNIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING WE WOULD STONEWALL REPORTERS UNTIL YOUR BRIEF APPEARANCE AT AIRPORT WHICH WOULD BE ARRANGED AT POINT WHERE, ONCE PHOTOS TAKEN AND DEPARTURE STATEMENT READ, YOU CAN PROMPTLY DISENGAGE AND IMMEDIATELY BOARD PLANE. END OF SCENARIO.

3. PRIOR TO OUR RELEASE OF ANNOUNCEMENT HERE LATE ON FRIDAY WE WOULD CONFIRM TO PRESS IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, THAT WE DO EXPECT VISITOR FOLLOWING CONCLUSION SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO PEKING, BUT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GIVE ANY ADVANCE WORD ON TIMING OR ANY CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY. GROC, IF QUERIED, WILL REFER QUERIES TO EMBASSY.

4. WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT ON MY PART I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SCENARIO WITH MINISTER CHOU SHU-KAI WHO HAS CONCURRED, BELIEVES IT CAN BE CARRIED THROUGH SUCCESSFULLY SO AS TO AVOID EMBARRASSING ENCOUNTERS FOR YOU, UNDUE ABRASION OF PRESS. HE HAS ALSO AGREED LINE UP GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE TO WORK WITH USIS ON EXECUTION OF SCENARIO AND ALSO (ONCE YOUR VISIT ANNOUNCED) TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH PRESS TO LIVE WITH THIS PROGRAM.

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5. SEPTTEL CONTAINS STATEMENT; WE RECOGNIZE OF COURSE THAT EXACT LANGUAGE WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT HERE IN KNOWLEDGE OF EVENTS IN PEKING AND FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PREMIER.

6. CHOU SHU-KAI HAS URGED ONE SMALL ADDITION TO TAIPEI PROGRAM WHICH I RECOMMEND YOU ACCEPT AS MAKING MINIMUM CONCESSION TO DIPLOMATIC NICETIES. THAT IS, TO PROCEED FRIDAY NIGHT DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT TO MAKE A BRIEF STOP AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN WILL RECEIVE YOU AND JOINING US TO ACCOMPANY US TO MEETING WITH PREMIER. UNGER

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